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Hogs & Pigs Report

September 29, 2006 -- On September 1, there were 16.9 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The September 1 inventory was up just under 2 percent from a year ago, and up over 2 percent from June 1, 2006. This is the highest inventory of hogs and pigs since September 1955 when there were 17.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. It is the third highest inventory since estimates began in 1866.

The June-August Iowa pig crop this year was 4.05 million head. A total of 455,000 sows

farrowed with an average litter size of 9.1 pigs per sow, which is the highest litter rate since estimates began in 1963.

As of September 1, Iowa producers planned to farrow 460,000 head of sows and gilts in the September-November 2006 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the December 2006-February 2007 period were estimated at 450,000 as of September 1, 2006. If realized, this would equal the sows farrowed during the same six month period in 2005/2006.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, September 1, 2005-2006 ¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IL	420	440	105	3,630	3,910	108	4,050	4,350	107
IA	1,080	1,080	100	15,520	15,820	102	16,600	16,900	102
MN	600	590	98	6,200	6,310	102	6,800	6,900	101
MO	340	355	104	2,510	2,395	95	2,850	2,750	96
NE	350	350	100	2,450	2,550	104	2,800	2,900	104
NC	1,020	1,010	99	9,080	8,690	96	10,100	9,700	96
US	5,972	6,079	102	55,873	56,625	101	61,846	62,704	101

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, September 1, 2005-2006 ¹

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
IL	1,380	1,370	890	980	800	850	560	710
IA	4,780	4,850	4,400	4,470	3,450	3,520	2,890	2,980
MN	2,450	2,490	1,500	1,560	1,320	1,300	930	960
MO	1,180	1,115	520	480	470	470	340	330
NE	980	990	660	660	460	510	350	390
NC	3,650	3,560	2,130	2,010	1,780	1,710	1,520	1,410
US	20,764	20,998	13,876	13,991	11,404	11,555	9,830	10,082

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

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